

cease. This movement is not taken any too soon. We have known of doctors being summoned to the police court. This is quite unnecessary and very degrading.

The Medical Council cannot learn too soon that it is there to serve the medical profession, and while it in one way governs that profession, it is in another sense the servant of that profession. It is from this latter standpoint that the council must really be viewed by the medical profession. It has become altogether too apparent of late that many members of the Medical Council have come to regard themselves as "bosses." This must be resisted.

We are quite certain that the Medical Council can find other ways of collecting the annual fee other than by resort to the police court. We have already stated that if the council would take proper care of its finances, there would be no need for the annual fee.

TYPHOID FEVER IN LARGE CITIES.

From time to time the public conscience is stirred by some epidemic. This has been the case lately in Montreal and Toronto with regard to typhoid fever.

Though it is admitted that at times the disease may be carried by flies, by dust, or soiled clothes, or foods, yet the fact remains that the main agency in conveying the disease is water.

This being the case, we state, what we have stated on more than one occasion, that a city is criminally guilty when it sells to its citizens a polluted water. The city, however, is the people and they have to be educated before they will undertake the expense of a proper water system.

Headway is being made in Toronto. There will soon be an up-to-date filtration plant. The trunk sewer will also add another strong line of defence to the lake water.

In Winnipeg there have been severe outbreaks of typhoid fever. These impelled action, and now that great city can speak with pride of what it is doing.

In Montreal we hope that the new council with such well-known doctors in it as Mayor Dr. Guerin, and Controller Dr. Lachapelle, something really praiseworthy will be done. One hundred deaths at the average age of 30, and each life, male and female averaged, worth \$3,000, gives a loss of \$300,000. Add to this all the expense in connection with those who recover, and the monetary loss is perhaps nearly doubled. These sums would go a long way towards installing the requisite water system.

In the case of Montreal there have been over 2,000 cases during the recent epidemic. Each case will cost in loss of time and necessary expen-